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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor for the Rural District of Thedwastre in the County of West Suffolk for the year ending 31st December, 1963.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Thedwastre.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report on the public health services for the year 1963.

The Council deserves great credit for the manner in which, with the help of the County Council, it has encouraged the building of elderly persons bungalows, with central heating and warden services, and meals-on-wheels services in certain villages.

The Council has hereby achieved something far greater than a method of freeing Council houses for family occupation, because these elderly persons' accommodation schemes not only enable isolated, vulnerable elderly people to be in independent but more secure surroundings, but can enable people to remain at home who might otherwise be patients in long-stay hospitals.

I am grateful to the Chairman of the Council and members of the Council for their consideration to me during the year. I am pleased also to report that from Mr. A. Owen, the Clerk to the Council, and from Mr. O. Wyatt, the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and all other officers of the Council I have received the greatest cooperation, in all ways.

Yours obedient servant,

E. KINNEAR.

Medical Officer of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

(a) Medical - One part-time Medical Officer of Health.
Dr. E. Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

This officer does not engage in private practice but holds in addition the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health Sudbury Borough Council
Hadleigh U.D.C.
Cosford R.D.C.
Melford R.D.C.

Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer.

Miss A. Bryant is clerical assistant to the Medical Officer of Health for five districts.

(b) One Public Health Inspector
O.J. Wyatt, M.S.I.A., M.A.P.H.I., Meat Cert. R.S.H.
Mr. Wyatt is also Surveyor to the Council.

One Additional Public Health Inspector
F.G. Lambert, M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A., Meat Cert. R.S.I.

THEDWASTRE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, 1963.

Mr. R.D. Bloom (Norton) — Chairman of the Council

Mrs. L.D. Walmsley (Gedding) — Vice Chairman.

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Mrs. F.A. Ambrose (Walsham-le-Willows)
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Mr. A. Johnson (Hunston)
Mr. A.R. Le Grice (Badwell Ash)
Mr. H.T. Levesley (Gt. Ashfield)
Mr. T.H. Marshall (Rickinghall)
Mr. W.H. Parr (Woolpit)
Mr. P.C. Romans (Felsham)
Mrs. H.M. Russell (Walsham-le-Willows)
Mrs. D.I. Staddon (Beyton)
Mr. W.N. Valentine (Hessett)
Revd. F.E. Weston-Waite (Stowlangtoft)

MR. A OWEN - CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

General Statistics — Area 34,126 acres

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population.	9,470	9,380	9,200	9,230	9,130
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to the rate book.	3,468	3,375	3,262	3,171	3,145
Rateable value	155,635	64,019	61,092	58,658	56,749
Sum represented by a penny rate	£623	£248	£239	£226	£219

VITAL STATISTICS

There are no towns in the district. There are large villages at Elmswell, Norton, Rattlesden, Thurston and Walsham-le-Willows. Much of the employment is agricultural though there is a bacon factory at Elmswell employing a number of people.

LIVE BIRTHS

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate.....	162 (167)	78 (91)	84 (76)
Illegitimate...	11 (9)	5 (5)	6 (4)
Total	173 (176)	83 (96)	90 (80)

Live birth rate per 1,000 population (crude).....	18.2 (18.8)
Corrected birth rate (comparability factor 1.08).	19.7 (21.2)
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	18.2 (18.0)
Rural districts aggregate.....	18.9 (19.5)
County aggregate.....	18.3 (18.8)

STILLBIRTHS

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate.....	2 (6)	- (4)	2 (2)
Illegitimate...	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total	2 (6)	- (4)	2 (2)

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and still births... 11.4. (32.9)

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and still births
(England and Wales)..... 17.3. (18.1.)

TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate.....	164 (173)	78 (95)	86 (78)
Illegitimate...	11 (9)	5 (5)	6 (4)
Total	175 (182)	83 (100)	92 (82)

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTH RATE (as % of total live and still births)

1963	1962	1961	1960
6.3.	4.9.	4.4.	2.4.

INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age.

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate.....	5 (4)	2 (1)	3 (3)
Illegitimate...	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total	5 (4)	2 (1)	3 (3)

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	28.9 (22.7)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births England and Wales	20.9 (21.4)

NEONATAL MORTALITY - Deaths of infants under four weeks.

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate.....	4 (3)	2 (1)	2 (2)
Illegitimate...	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total	4 (3)	2 (1)	2 (2)

Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 23.1 (17.0)

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY - Deaths of Infants under one week.

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate.....	4 (2)	2 (-)	2 (2)
Illegitimate...	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total	4 (2)	2 (-)	2 (2)

Early neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 23.1 (11.3)

The above statistics relate to the deaths of five infants:

Age	Sex	Cause of Death	If in hospital at time of death
2 hours	Male	Prematurity	yes
3 hours	Female	Intracranial haemorrhage (Rhesus incompatibility)	yes
6 hours	Female	Prematurity	yes
1 day	Male	Prematurity	yes
5 months	Female	Pulmonary hypertension (ventricular septal defect)	yes

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

(Stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000 total live and stillbirths 34.3 (43.9)

DEATHS

Total	Male	Female
121 (126)	58 (60)	63 (66)

Death rate per 1,000 population.....	12.7 (13.4)
Corrected death rate (comparability factor 0.87)	11.0 (10.6)
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	12.2 (11.9)
Number of women dying in or as a consequence of childbirth, pregnancy or abortion.....	nil (nil)
Maternal mortality rate.....	nil (nil)

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	Year								
	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Birth Rate (Corrected)	20.0	21.2	17.8	19.2	17.4	18.8	19.1	21.2	19.7
Death Rate (Corrected)	10.7	10.6	10.3	9.3	10.7	9.0	11.3	10.6	11.0
Infant Mortality Rate	25.6	30.1	42.5	-	28.4	32.5	12.8	22.7	28.9
Number of Infant Deaths	4	5	6	-	4	5	2	4	5

The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occuring during 1963. The grand totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

		Total	Male	Female
	All causes	121 (126)	58 (60)	63 (66)
1.	Tuberculosis Respiratory	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)
2.	Tuberculosis, Other	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
3.	Syphilitic Disease	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
4.	Diphtheria	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
5.	Whooping Cough	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
6.	Meningococcal Infections	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
8.	Measles	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
9.	Other infective & parasitic diseases	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	2 (1)	- (1)	2 (-)
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4 (4)	3 (4)	1 (-)
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	2 (-)	- (-)	2 (-)
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1 (-)		1 (-)
14.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	13 (10)	7 (7)	6 (3)
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)
16.	Diabetes	3 (-)	3 (-)	- (-)
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	19 (29)	7 (12)	12 (17)
18.	Coronary Disease, angina	21 (25)	9 (16)	12 (9)

		Total	Male	Female
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	3 (1)	1 (-)	2 (1)
20.	Other heart disease	14 (16)	8 (6)	6 (10)
21.	Other circulatory disease	5 (2)	3 (-)	2 (2)
22.	Influenza	3 (1)	2 (-)	1 (1)
23.	Pneumonia	9 (11)	5 (4)	4 (7)
24.	Bronchitis	1 (5)	- (1)	1 (4)
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1 (1)	1 (-)	- (1)
26.	Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
27.	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
28.	Nephritis & nephrosis	1 (1)	1 (-)	- (1)
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	- (1)	- (1)	
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth & abortion	- (-)		- (-)
31.	Congenital malformations	1 (2)	- (1)	1 (1)
32.	Other defined and illdefined diseases	8 (9)	3 (4)	5 (5)
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	3 (4)	2 (1)	1 (3)
34.	Other accidents	2 (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
35.	Suicide	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
36.	Homicide & operations of war	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Deaths from infectious diseases 0.8% (0.8%)

Total	Male	Female
1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)

Deaths from cancers (all types including leukaemias) 19.8% (13.6%)

Total	Male	Female
24 (15)	11 (12)	13 (3)

Of this total, lung cancer..... 3.2% (3.2%)

Total	Male	Female
4 (4)	3 (4)	1 (-)

Deaths from heart & circulatory diseases (including strokes) 51.3% (58.4%)

Total	Male	Female
62 (73)	28 (34)	34 (39)

Of this total, coronary disease (angina)..... 17.3% (20.0%)

Total	Male	Female
21 (25)	9 (16)	12 (9)

Deaths from respiratory diseases (including pneumonia & influenza) 11.5% (14.4%)

Total	Male	Female
14 (18)	8 (5)	6 (13)

Deaths from accidents - all types 4.1% (3.2%)

Total	Male	Female
5 (4)	3 (1)	2 (3)

Year	Rateable Value	Penny Rate Product	No. of Inhab. Houses	Reg. Gen. Estimate Population	Total Deaths	Infant Deaths Under One Year		Births		Still Births	
						Legit.	Illegit.	Legit.	Illegit.	Legit.	Illegit.
	£	£									
1951	29,120	120	2,789	8,719	125	4	nil	146	7	4	1
1952	30,647	122	2,786	8,880	101	6	nil	159	6	2	nil
1953	31,312	127	2,801	8,788	101	1	1	152	10	2	nil
1954	32,401	130	2,849	8,860	121	9	nil	121	7	3	nil
1955	33,173	131	2,813	8,880	115	4	nil	151	5	5	nil
1956	55,458	212	2,847	8,930	105	5	nil	158	8	2	nil
1957	52,597	227	2,876	8,940	102	6	nil	138	3	3	nil
1958	52,933	211	3,029	8,990	91	nil	nil	147	6	5	nil
1959	56,749	213	3,145	9,130	109	1	3	139	4	1	1
1960	58,658	226	3,171	9,230	98	5	nil	150	4	9	nil
1961	61,092	239	3,262	9,200	124	1	1	149	7	4	nil
1962	64,019	248	3,375	9,380	126	4	nil	167	9	6	nil
1963	155,635	623	3,468	9,470	121	5	nil	162	11	2	nil

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory, Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich, under the directorship of Dr. J.M.S. Dixon provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

Dr. S. Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tenison Road, Cambridge, gives a similar, efficient, helpful service when chemical analyses are required.

(b) Ambulance Facilities

These services since July, 1953. have been provided directly by the County Council under the direction of the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) Nursing in the Home

The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres

The West Suffolk County Council hold Infant Welfare Clinics in Thedwastre at two centres:

Elmswell, Village Hall - 2nd Thursday in each month
Rickinghall, Village Hall - 2nd Thursday in each month
(Closed in August, 1964)

(3) National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and protection:

No proceedings were taken under Section 47 during 1963.

SECTION C

PREVENTION & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Total	Male	Female
Notification received	82	49	33
Scarlet Fever	5 (1)	2 (1)	3 (-)
Whooping Cough	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Paralytic	-	-	-
Non-paralytic	-	-	-
Measles (excluding rubella)	71 (99)	45 (52)	26 (47)
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Dysentery	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute pneumonia	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Food poisoning	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-
Infectious Hepatitis	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, respiratory	4	1	3
other	2	1	1

Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality

New Cases

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953
Pulmonary.....	4	2	0	1	0	3	5	4	2	1	1
Non-pulmonary.	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	1

Mortality

There was one Tuberculosis death during 1963 registered locally.

Tuberculosis Register

	Total	Pulmonary			Non - Pulmonary		
	All types	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
No. of cases on register at beginning of year	22	11	9	20	-	2	2
No. of cases added during the year	6	1	3	4	1	1	2
No. of cases removed during the year	4	2	2	4	-	-	-
No, of cases remaining on register at end of year	24	10	10	20	1	3	4

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (i) Water The present position within the District is as follows:

Year	Piped supply to House		Using Standpipe within 200ft.	
	Number	%	Number	%
1963	2,519	72	444	13
1962	2,396	71	448	13
1961	2,221	68	456	14
1960	2,137	64	450	14

The table on the following page indicates the position in each parish:

Parish	Total Houses in Parish	Houses in Parish with a Piped Water Supply into the House by the End of the Year. (No. in brackets indicate Those Supplied by Standpipe				% with water at end of 1963		
		1963		1962		In House	Standpipe	Total %
Ashfield, Great	115	77	(21)	77	(21)	67%	18%	85%
Badwell Ash	123	70	(29)	68	(29)	57%	24%	81%
Beyton	146	124	(15)	117	(22)	83%	10%	93%
Drinkstone	151	94	(17)	90	(17)	62%	12%	74%
Elmswell	450	357	(49)	343	(49)	80%	11%	91%
Felsham	117	97	(15)	88	(15)	83%	13%	96%
Gedding	51	40	(7)	39	(7)	78%	14%	92%
Hessett	106	72	(18)	66	(18)	68%	17%	85%
Hinderclay	75	45	(18)	45	(18)	64%	24%	88%
Hunston	38	26	(7)	24	(7)	68%	18%	86%
Langham	35	18	(9)	16	(9)	51%	26%	77%
Norton	262	196	(26)	178	(26)	75%	10%	85%
Rattlesden	264	195	(39)	185	(39)	74%	15%	89%
Rickinghall Inferior	108	91	(15)	83	(15)	84%	14%	98%
Stowlangtoft	61	42	(6)	42	(6)	69%	10%	79%
Thurston	418	284	(24)	274	(22)	69%	6%	75%
Tostock	140	92	(13)	90	(13)	66%	10%	76%
Walsham-le-Willows	282	177	(49)	165	(49)	63%	17%	80%
Wattisfield	142	101	(28)	94	(28)	71%	20%	91%
Woolpit	384	321	(39)	312	(38)	84%	10%	94%
	3,468	2,519	(444)	2,316	(448)	72%	13%	85%

During the year 10 samples of water were taken for bacteriological purposes and of these three were unsatisfactory.

Water is purchased from Thingoe Rural District Council, and we, in our turn, sell it to Gipping Rural District Council.

Water Supplies - General

The main problem affecting water supplies during the year was caused by circumstances beyond the control of the Council, namely the severe and prolonged freezing conditions at the beginning of the year. It was not anticipated that the frosty conditions would prevail for such a long period but immediate steps were taken to relieve hardship caused by the cutting off of supplies.

In most cases the pipes were found to be frozen between the main and stopcock and this was obviously due to the denseness of the soil beneath the road surface and lack of insulation. The soil was frozen to a considerable depth and in at least two cases to a depth of over three feet.

To afford a basic supply stand pipes were fitted to mains and an attempt was made to free service pipes by passing an electric current through the pipes but this at first proved unsuccessful. Subsequently an electric Arc Welder was hired from a local firm and this, operated by an electrician and the Council's Foreman Plumber, enabled a house to house defreezing programme to be carried out. Several weeks alapsed before all supplies were restored to normal One peculiarity of the freezeup was that certain householders after having their supply frozen for some days suddenly found that for an unaccountable reason the supply was normal.

The lack of supplies caused hardship to consumers but in the main this was accepted with good grace. Residents whose supply was not affected gave very ready assistance to their less fortunate neighbours.

When the main water scheme was carried out it was not considered necessary to lay large mains at Honey Pot Lane, Wattisfield, and Mill Lane, Thurston, and subsequently a $\frac{3}{4}$" galvanised pipe supply was put in. These two small mains were frozen for some weeks and because of this experience it was decided to lay a 3" main at these places, and at Broomhill Lane, Woolpit and Grove Lane, Elmswell. (Permission to do these works was sought from the new Water Board in 1964 but unhappily such permission was not given.)

Staff

Tribute should, and must be paid to the members of the outside staff, not only in the Water Department but also those employed on Refuse Collection, Cesspool Clearance and at sewage works, for the cheerful and willing manner in which they carried out their duties during the difficult wintry conditions. Thanks are also due to the electrician employed by the Council who worked in bitter cold for many weeks, operating the arc welder, restoring supplies.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage

The provision of sewers within the District is steadily proceeding and they have been provided for Badwell Ash, Elmswell, Felsham, Gedding, Rattlesden, Walsham-le-Willows and Woolpit. In addition there are small schemes for groups of Council houses at Hinderclay and Hessett.

As, and when, a sewer is completed immediate steps are taken to modernise the Council houses and connect thereto. Likewise many owners take early steps to make a connection and whilst some hesitate to instal bathrooms, many are anxious to substitute a W.C. for the offensive pail closet. Every month applications are received and assistance given by means of Discretionary and Standard Grants which enable owners of older properties to bring them up to date, frequently at half the usual cost. During the year 91 applications were received for grant aid, 32 for Discretionary and 59 for Standard Grants.

The Norton scheme is in progress, and will in fact be available for use in 1964.

It is anticipated that an early start will be made on the Beyton, Hessett, Thurston scheme and also for Wattisfield.

In addition to the foregoing Rickinghall Inferior is within the sewage system operated by Hartismere Rural District Council for Botesdale and Rickinghall Superior.

The number of properties connected to sewers during 1963 is as follows:

	1963	1962	1961
Badwell Ash	14	26	-
Elmswell	21	44	244
Felsham	33	-	-
Gedding	20	-	-
Rattlesden	-	9	108
Rickinghall Inferior	-	21	30
Walsham-le-Willows	26	85	-
Woolpit	2	10	254

2, Rivers and Streams

There are no rivers within the area but water courses and streams exist in quite a number of villages; these have not created problems during the year.

3. Closet Accommodation

(i) The standard of living conditions, thanks to the advent of sewers, is rapidly rising, and whereas in former years the bulk of the accommodation was of the pail type, owners are converting to W.C.'s and connecting to the sewers. It will soon be that the pail will, like its predecessor the privy, be very infrequently seen.

(ii) Public Cleansing

A kerb side collection and removal of household refuse is still on a fortnightly basis, with a backdoor collection for the aged, women living alone and persons known to be invalids.

The refuse vehicle, a 4 ton 18 cubic yard Karrier, gives good service.

The steady increase in the number of houses and changing habits of the inhabitants means more refuse to be collected and more work for the staff of three - a driver and two mates - who operate the scheme.

A free dustbin is supplied to householders but it is found that a high proportion of householders place a bin and cardboard boxes or other containers for emptying indicating that the time is approaching when a weekly scheme should be introduced.

During the year 567 loads of refuse were removed.

Refuse tips at Elmswell, Badwell Ash, Hinderclay and Rattlesden are frequently visited by the Rodent Operator who sprays with insecticides and keeps the rat population down.

Waste paper weighing 5 tons, 8 cwt., 0 qrs., was salvaged during 1963 and the proceeds, amounting to £16 4s 0d. are used to help to defray the cost of refuse collection.

(iii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The following table records the number of inspections carried out:

Housing Inspections	1,842
Building (work in progress) Inspections	1,411
Drainage (work in progress) Inspections	459
Slaughterhouse Visits	646
Owners Interviewed	116
Caravans visited	50
Bakehouses Inspections	4
Shops Inspected	248
Factories (with power) Inspections	296
Factories (without power) Inspections	1
Refuse Tips Inspections	144
Sewage Works Inspections	294
Food Premises Inspections	673
Improvement Grant Investigations	165
Cesspools Inspected	17
Complaints Investigated	111
Ditches Inspected	23
Water Supplies Investigated	550
Farms - visits	45
Building Sites	580

The Council's 1,000 gallon cesspool emptier was, in spite of the new sewers, in constant use and demand. It is found that the septic tanks of many new houses now require fairly frequent emptying, there is therefore a waiting list of tanks to be emptied.

The charge for emptying is 30/- for the first load and 25/- for each subsequent load, except where properties could be connected to the Council's sewer when the charge is double in each case.

During the year the total number of cesspools emptied was 1,189 as follows:

	1963		1962	
Council Houses	762	(1,415 loads)	849	(1,491 loads)
Private Houses	413	(881 loads)	334	(549 loads)
Schools	5	(6 loads)	4	(7 loads)
For Thingoe R.D.C.	9	(13 loads)		

CESSPOOL CLEARANCE FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1963 to 31ST DECEMBER, 1963.

Village	COUNCIL HOUSES Cesspool loads Emptied		PRIVATE HOUSES Cesspool loads Emptied		TOTAL Cesspool loads Emptied	
Ashfield Magna	33	55	9	9	42	64
Badwell Ash	1	2	8	10	9	12
Beyton	44	66	20	24	64	90
Drinkstone	51	75	11	12	62	87
Elmswell	-	-	40	61	40	61
Felsham	-	-	9	9	9	9
Gedding	2	3	5	9	7	12
Hessett	27	40	3	4	30	44
Hinderclay	-	-	2	2	2	2
Hunston	-	-	5	5	5	5
Langham	-	-	9	19	9	19
Norton	336	559	19	20	355	579
Rattlesden	-	-	33	143	33	143
Rickinghall	-	-	3	3	3	3
Stowlangtoft	35	51	7	10	42	61
Thurston	165	364	143	439	308	803
Tostock	15	44	29	33	44	77
Walsham-le-Willows	-	-	19	22	19	22
Wattisfield	53	156	10	13	63	169
Woolpit	-	-	29	34	29	34
Schools	-	-	5	6	5	6
For Thingoe R.D.C.	2	6	7	7	9	13
1963 totals	764	1,421	425	894	1,189	2,315
1962 totals	849	1,491	334	549	1,187	2,040

FACTORY ACT, 1937

Inspections for Purposes of Provision as to Health

Premises		Number on Register	Number of		
			Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	1	-	-
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	35	296	-	-
(iii)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers premises)	456	580	-	-

i.e. Electrical Stations (Sections 103 (1)). Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108)

Outwork Sections 110 and 111. No notification of out-work was received.

Premises Classified as Factories in Thedwastre Comprise:

Agricultural Engineering Works	3
Bakery	1
Corn and Seed Merchants	6
Garages	10
Joinery	6
Laundry	1
Meal Mixing	1
Pottery	1
Printing Works	1
Slaughterhouses	3
Timber Merchant	1
Warehouses	2

(iv) Shops and Offices

Inspections of the ventilation and sanitary accommodation provisions under the Shops Act, 1934 were made.

The following are the number of shops throughout the District:

Shops not Associated with Food		Shops Associated with Food	
Boot Repairer	1	Butchers	4
Bicycle Repairer	1	Baker	1
Garages	10	Cafes	3
Hardware	1	Fish Fryer	1
Tailor	1	Grocers	41
Watch Repairer	1	Public Houses	31

(v) Camping Sites

There is only one camping site within the area, that at Hunston, occupied by members of the same family who on occasion have had as many as eight caravans in use. Because complaints have been received concerning this site, the Council has decided that W.C.'s and other toilet facilities should be provided there.

In addition there are ten caravans on individual plots in six villages, these do not create any problems.

(vi) Smoke Abatement

There has been no need for action under the Clean Air Act.

(vii) Swimming Baths

The nearest swimming baths are at Stowmarket and Bury St. Edmunds, both within six miles of parts of the district.

(viii) Eradication of Bed Bugs

There have been no known cases of bed bug infestation.

(ix) Rodent Control

The Council continues to engage the services of a part-time rodent operator who attends to complaints and makes regular visits to refuse tips. A copy of the report for 1963 can be seen on the following page.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.
Report for 12 Months ended 31st December, 1963

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				
	1 Local Authority	2 Dwelling Houses	3 All Other Premises	4 Total of Cols. 1, 2 and 3.	5 Agricul -tural
1. No. of properties in Local Authority district	8	3,102	309	3,419	254
2. Total No. of properties inspected as a result of notification	-	250	6	256	4
3. No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat Major	-	140	1	141	2
Minor	-	97	1	98	1
House Mouse Major	-	5	1	6	1
(See note 4) Minor	-	8	3	11	1
4. Total No. of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act.	8	1,398	80	1,486	42
5. No. of such properties found to be infested by					
Common Rat Major	4	122	1	127	-
Minor	2	165	-	167	-
House Mouse Major	1	62	1	64	-
Minor	1	85	-	86	-
6. Total No. of properties otherwise inspected (eg when visited primarily for some other purpose	1	39	-	40	-
7. No. of such properties found to be infested by					
Common Rat Major	-	15	-	15	-
Minor	-	6	-	6	-
House Mouse Major	1	9	-	10	-
Minor	-	9	-	9	-

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Prevention of Damage by Pests Act - Report Continued

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				
	1 Local Authority	2 Dwelling Houses	3 All Other Premises	4 Total of Cols. 1, 2 and 3.	5 Agricul -tural
8. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	32	6,566	240	6,838	146
9. No. of infested properties treated by the Local Authority	6	684	14	704	-
10. No. of 'Block' control schemes carried out.	12	-	-	-	-
11. Any other points of interest.	No trace of coypu have been noticed during the year				

(x) Old People's Bungalows

The six bungalows at Elmswell and 12 at Woolpit are proving a boon to the occupants who have all settled down very happily.

Eight bungalows are being erected at Norton, six at Rickinghall Inferior and six at Walsham-le-Willows.

The Council are to consider the advisability of building in other parishes within the district.

(xi) Meals on Wheels

The Women's Voluntary Service continued their Tuesday and Friday 'meals on wheels' service from their Elmswell kitchen.

Meals prepared by Elmswell ladies were taken to 50 very appreciative elderly people in the villages of Elmswell, Drinkstone, Tostock, Walsham-le-Willows and Woolpit by volunteers from within these villages.

It is hopes that the service will be extended to other parts of the district by the opening of kitchens at Walsham-le-Willows and Rickinghall.

(xii) Schools

All of the schools are on mains water supply and the other modern amenities of drainage and W.C.'s are in use at Elmswell, Rattlesden, Woolpit and Beyton.

It is anticipated that new schools will be erected at Norton and Walsham-le-Willows resulting in further raising of the standard of hygiene within the district.

SECTION E.

HOUSING

1. (i)	a.	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health & Housing Acts)	1,238
	b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,842
(ii)	a.	Number of dwellinghouses (including under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.	NIL
	b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose	NIL
(iii)		Number od dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	24
(iv)		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	6

2. Remedy of Defects During the Year Without Service of Formal Notices:

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers: 6

3. Action under Statutory Powers During the Year

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9,10,12, and 39 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs: NIL

(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices: NIL

(a) by Owners NIL

(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners NIL

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number od dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied: NIL

(2) Number od dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice: NIL

(a) by Owners NIL

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners NIL

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16,17,19,21 and 23, of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made: 14

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. 5

(3) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation: 10

(4) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or undertakings; 10

3. (d) Proceedings under Sections 18,19, and 27 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of parts of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made: NIL

(2) Number of parts of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders: 10

(3) Number of Demolition Orders revoked: NIL

(4) Number of Undertakings Cancelled: 8

(e) Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas: NIL

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part1v - Overcrowding

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year: NIL

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein: NIL

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein: NIL

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding relieved during the year: NIL

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year: NIL

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases: NIL

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding: NIL

New Houses Provided in the Post-War Years Have Been:

	1946-1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	Total
Private Houses	49	4	15	21	28	23	27	41	50	38	43	73	48	460
Council Houses	206	22	24	40	13	44	6	13	12	12	38	21	45	496
Total	255	26	39	61	41	67	33	54	62	50	81	94	93	956

The following table indicates the work of general repair and maintenance of existing houses in connection with private dwellinghouses. The table, however, does not include repairs to Council houses, which are affected by direct labour under the direction of the Housing Supervisor Mr. W.G. Cushing.

Classified List of Housing Defects found During the year in Private Dwellinghouses

Roofs Repairs	4
Dampness Remedied	5
Wall Plaster Repaired	3
Yard Paving Repaired	1
External Walls Repaired	3
Windows Repaired or Renewed	-
Drains Repaired	3
Fireplaces Repaired	1
Floors Repaired	3
Eavesgutters Repaired or Renewed	2
Doors Repaired or Renewed	1
Light and Ventilation Improved	-
Other Repairs	7

The table on the following page indicates the provision of Council Houses in Thedwastre.

	Total houses in parish	Total	Pre-War	War Time	1946-1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	% of Council houses in Parish
Great Ashfield	115	30	16	2	8			2		2			26%
Badwell Ash	123	23	19	-	4								19%
Boyton	146	46	20	-	26								32%
Drinkstone	151	28	10	2	12		4						19%
Elmswell	450	142	55	-	41			2	8	16	10	10	32%
Felsham	117	34	10	-	18							6	29%
Gedding	51	18	10	-	8								35%
Hessett	106	36	12	-	20	4							34%
Hinderclay	75	19	7	-	10						2		25%
Hunston	38	-	-	-									-
Langham	35	-	-	-									-
Norton	262	76	33	-	32		5			6			28%
Rattlesden	264	54	18	-	22			4		4	2	4	20%
Rickinghall Inf.	108	26	2	-	20						4		24%
Stowlangtoft	61	14	6	-	8								23%
Thurston	418	47	17	-	22		4		4				11%
Tostock	140	28	14	-	10	2		2					20%
Walsham-le-Willows	282	58	38	-	18					2			21%
Wattisfield	142	31	18	-	10						3		22%
Woolpit	384	121	26	-	60			2		8		25	32%
Totals	3,468	831	331	4	349	6	13	12	12	38	21	45	24%

SECTION F

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Meat and Other Foods

Of the five retail butchers in the District, three obtain their meat from wholesale slaughtering outside the District. The remaining two use their own private slaughterhouses and the animals slaughtered and inspected during the year were as follows:

Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
395	19	614	241

These figures do not include inspections at the St. Edmunds Bacon Factory, which are as under:

Sheep

845 sheep were inspected and of this number 7 were condemned

Pigs

The number of pigs killed at the St. Edmunds Bacon Factory, Elmswell, during the year was 120,967. The figure for 1962 was 98,497.

Number of pigs killed	120,967
Number of pigs inspected	120,967
Number of pigs condemned	693

All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci

Whole carcases condemned	692
Percentage of number inspected of totally condemned carcases with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	0.57%

Tuberculosis Only

Whole carcase condemned	1
Percentage of number inspected of totally condemned carcases with Tuberculosis.	0.0008

Cysticercosis	NIL

In addition to the 693 whole carcases condemned there were also condemned:

3,922 heads	(weighing 39,507 lbs.)
4,857 plucks	(weighing 33,999 lbs.)
4,176 kidneys	(weighing 1,304 lbs.)
2,594 intestines and stomachs.	